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Fire Officials Seek Community's Help in Bourne Arson

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Bourne Fire Chief Charles W. Klueber seek the public's help in solving a February 20, 2005 arson fire in Bourne's Gary Gables section. The 4:30 a.m. fire at 36 SeaBreeze Drive in Bourne was the target of an arson fire.

Chief Klueber said, "If anyone has any information about the fire, please call the Arson Hotline, toll-free, 24-hours a day. All calls will be kept confidential." The Arson Hotline number is 1-800-682-9229. He added, "Investigators believe that someone may have seen or heard something on the day of the fire or since, that may help solve this case."

Coan said, "Arson is not a victimless crime. It diminishes the quality of life of everyone in the neighborhood and we hope someone from the community will come forward." Coan pointed out that, "This week, May 1-7, 2005, is National Arson Awareness Week."

This fire is being jointly investigated by the Bourne Fire Department, the Bourne Police Department and State Police fire investigators assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Arson Hotline is supported by the property and casualty insurance underwriting companies of Massachusetts through the Mass.-RI FAIR Plan as part of the Arson Watch Reward Program. The program offers rewards of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to solving an arson case.